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Dear Ms. Reynolds:

**SCH# 1999091108: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR THE LONG BEACH SPORTS PARK PROJECT**

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the subject document. The California Department of Health Services, Drinking Water Field Operations-Southern California Branch (Department) focused its review on drinking water issues and related issues. The following are the Department comments:

1. The EIR states that the project involves the development of a pay-for-play Sports Park, a youth golf center, and rezoning of a portion of the project site for future commercial use. Any construction and developments must comply with the Department's Policy on *Criteria for the Separation of Water Mains and Non-Potable Pipelines*. The Department may provide you a copy of this Policy upon request. 1
2. For construction and developments in areas described in the EIR, notifications and requests for the necessary reviews and approval should be sent to the Long Beach Water Department and the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services' Cross-Connection/Water Program to ensure compliance with the cross-connection requirements, inspections, and the separation criteria. 2
3. All Potential Contaminating Activities (PCAs) that may impact domestic production well(s) within or nearby the subject area described in the EIR shall be reviewed and restricted. 3



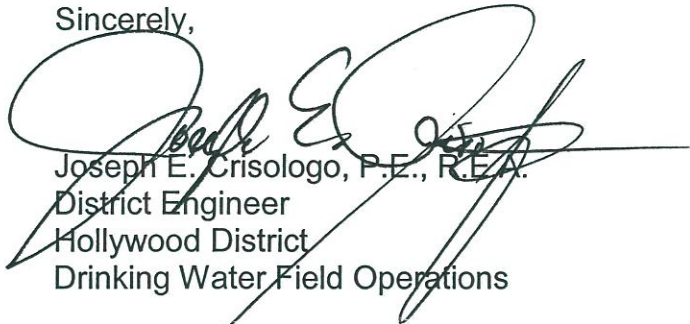
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### A-3-1

The first part of this comment is introductory and states the intended focus of the review of the Draft EIR conducted by the California Department of Health Services, Drinking Water Field Operations.

As noted in Section 4.7 of the Draft EIR, Public Services and Utilities, reclaimed water is wastewater that has been treated to a sufficient degree for certain types of uses, is nonpotable, and must be conveyed in a separate system from potable water to avoid the possibility of direct human consumption. Reclaimed water is intended for irrigation of landscaped areas on site. The City acknowledges that project implementation must comply with the Department of Health Services Policy on *Criteria for the Separation of Water Mains and Non-Potable Pipelines*.

### A-3-2

As noted on page 4.7.10 of the Draft EIR, the Long Beach Water Department (LBWD) provides water services to the City for domestic, irrigation, and fire protection purposes. The LBWD also reviews project plans to ensure compliance with all applicable fire code and ordinance requirements for construction, access, water mains, fire flows, and fire hydrant placement. The City acknowledges that notifications and requests for necessary reviews and approval will be sent to the LBWD and the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services Cross-Connection/Water Program.

### A-3-3

The comment requests that impacts to domestic production wells be reviewed and restricted. As discussed in Section 4.13 of the Draft EIR, extensive groundwater sampling has been conducted in the past on site. The results of the sampling indicated that groundwater underlying the site has not been impacted by on-site sources, specifically, the residual concentrations of chemicals detected in soils from 5 feet to 90 feet below ground surface (bgs). In addition, a Draft Human Health Risk Assessment (Draft HRA) was conducted in accordance with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) guidelines. The Draft HRA found that all estimated risks and hazards associated with historical and current activities at the site were either below thresholds or within an acceptable risk range. Furthermore, as discussed in Section 4.4 of the Draft EIR, there are no groundwater production wells in the vicinity of the project site. Oil resources and active oil drilling operations preclude use of the site for groundwater recharge. That is, groundwater at the site and in the vicinity is not used for municipal purposes. Therefore, the Proposed Project will not result in adverse impacts to domestic production wells.